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DISTRICT REHABILITATION CENTRE
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have proposed to extend support to the State Government of Andhra Pradesh to set up District Rehabilitation Centres for the disabled and train CBR workers to carry such services in the remote areas;

(b) if so, whether all the districts have been selected for setting up of such centres; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI S. B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) Under the National Programme of Rehabilitation for persons with Disabilities (NPRPD) launched by Government of India, funds have been released to Government of Andhra Pradesh for setting up of District Referral and Training Centres in the districts of Vijaya Nagaram and Krishna. Under this scheme, there is a provision to train two Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) workers in each Gram Panchayat. Besides, under a separate programme 3 District Disability Rehabilitation Centres (DDRCs) have been set up to provide composite rehabilitation services at the doorsteps of the persons with disabilities by local capacity building and empowerment of the target groups.

(b) & (c) The NPRPD is a state sector scheme which was launched in 1999-2000 and covered 82 districts in the country of which 2 districts are located in Andhra Pradesh. During the 9th Plan period funds under this scheme were released by the Ministry but in the 10th Plan, the States will have to fund the programme through their own resources. The decision to cover more districts will, therefore, be with the States.

Increasing the number of DDRCs will depend on the availability of resources.